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In response to the Office Action dated 3 January 2002 (Paper No. 32), please enter the following amendments and remarks.

AMENDMENT

In The Claims:

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Please amend the claims to read as follows. A marked-up version of the claims is attached in APPENDIX A: " Marked Up Claims"

(Amended four times) A late transition metal catalyst precursor for olefin polymerization comprising a Group 9, -10 or -11 metal connected to a bidentate ligand immobilized on a solid support where the late transition metal loading is less than 100 micromoles transition metal compound per gram of solid support, wherein the catalyst precursor has the formula:

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